

Fred W. and Mary B. Smith
THE SMITH CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

April 28, 2009

Mayor Oscar Goodman
City of Las Vegas
City Hall, Tenth Floor
400 Stewart Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Re: City Council Meeting - May 6, 2009

Mayor Goodman;

More than two years ago, I committed to a trip with family and long time friends to celebrate several May birthdays and anniversaries. Little did I expect that after 14 years of involvement with what is now known as The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, one of the most significant actions by the City Council would take place while I am in South Carolina hosting this big gathering of friends and family.

Over the past 14 years, I have taken great pride in being in attendance at every significant milestone. Unfortunately, I will have to miss the milestone of the City Council awarding the contract for construction of The Smith Center, along with related agreements.

While it pains me greatly to miss this meeting, it would pain me even greater to have you, City Council members or Betsy and her capable staff notice that I was not in attendance to support and thank all of you. We just could not have asked for better partners in this incredible project.

Thanks to you, the entire City Council, and the City of Las Vegas team for helping make this all possible. I've said many times that this is the most important project in Las Vegas in our lifetime. Now that we are ready to commence construction, please know that all of us on The Smith Center side of the team will do everything to make you proud of your support and confidence.

Best personal regards,



Donald D. Snyder
Chairman

Cc: City Council
Elizabeth Fretwell
Myron Martin

Submitted At Meeting

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